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Examining the implications of research findings concerning the impact of paternal involvement in child development, this book elaborates on how variations in paternal involvement affect many different dimensions of child and parent development. The 12 chapters discuss the role of fathers in regard to: (1) the advantages of two-parent families; (2) the relationship that develops between father, mother, and infant; (3) the responsibility that fathers and mothers have to be equal partners in parenting; (4) the role of gender, individuality, and identity on child development; (5) nurturance, discipline, and morality; (6) intelligence and creativity; (7) family, school, and education; (8) assertiveness and independence; (9) body image, athletics, and fitness; (10) intimacy, sexuality, and social adjustment; (11) child and family problems; and (12) family, community, and society. Each chapter contains a list of cited sources for further reading. A 48-page bibliography follows the text. (MDM)

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